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File #: P&R 2-3

Mr. Mike Barton, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Transportation
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SUBJECT; 2001-2003 STIP Amendment 20 amended

Dear Mr. Barton:

We have received your request for approval of minor Amendment Number 20 (amended) dated May 14, 2003. Amendment 20 is approved; however, it is requested that future minor amendments include sufficient level of detail with regards to the project, to include a description of the project and the phase of the project being programmed.

The Transportation Conformity regulations (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) requires a new conformity determination for any project that does not meet the requirements of 40 CFR §93.126 for exempt projects. For those projects in rural nonattainment areas 40 CFR §93.109 (g) would apply. This would mean that any capacity increasing projects that are being added to the STIP would require the State to perform a regional air quality conformity analysis and for FHWA/FTA to make a conformity determination prior to the approval of the amendment.

For more information please contact Peter J. Serrano at 907-586-7422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David C. Miller'.

For
David C. Miller
Division Administrator

cc: Jennifer Bowman, FTA

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May 14, 2003

Mr. David C. Miller, Administrator
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Attn: Peter Serrano, Planner

RE: 2001 - 2003 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Amendment #20 amended

Dear Mr. Miller:

The following minor amendment, which only requires FHWA approval, is submitted for your consideration.

The Department is proposing to add the following projects and phases to year 2003 of the 01-03 STIP:

Soldotna East Redoubt Avenue. Soldotna Improvements. This project has been obligated as advance construct and will be converted with Transportation and Community and System (TCSP) funding. \$644,640 Phase: All, TCSP

Talkeetna Parking Lot/Pedestrian Safety Access. This project was originally programmed for TCSP funds in FY'02, but was not obligated. The Mat-Su Borough only recently decided the scope of work for the funds, and we intend to add the work as a change order to the ongoing Talkeetna Spur Road Rehabilitation project. We are ready to obligate these funds. \$374,973 Phase: All, TCSP

Kenai River Trail. This project was funded through final Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) in 2002. Add \$500,000 Phase: All, TCSP

Palmer: Railroad Right of Way. We are ready to obligate these funds. \$1,100,000 Phase: All, TCSP

Kodiak: Chiniak Road Rehabilitation, Phase I. We need to fund and begin design for this GARVEE bonded project this spring. \$780,000 Phase: 2, GARVEE

Mat-Su: Seward Meridian Road, Parks to Seldon Road. We need to begin design this spring. \$750,000 Phase: 2 GARVEE

Hoonah Road. This project has \$1,400,000 of Earmarked Public Lands Discretionary (PLD) funds available in 2003. Phase: All, PLD

Kotzebue Dust and Persistent Particulate Abatement Demonstration Study Completion. We will be funding this project with Earmark funds for Surface Transportation Research (STR). Phases: All \$800,000 STR, \$200,000 State Match

Alaska Statewide Smart Emergency Medical Access System. We will begin this project in FY'03 with Earmark Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) funding. Phases: All, \$1,000,000 ITS, \$600,000 STP, and \$400,000 State Match

Iditarod Historic National Trail Project. The funding for this project will be obligated in FY'03 using the \$250,000 Earmark. Phases: All, PLD.

Shotgun Cove Road. This project will begin in FY'03. \$2,500,000 PLD.

Southeast Alaska Seatrails. Add to FY'03 utilizing Earmark funds. Phases: All \$500,000 PLD

Ft. Wainwright Alternative Access & Chena River Crossing We will begin this project in FY'03 utilizing Coordinated Borders & National Corridors (CBIG) earmark. \$1,500,000 CBIG, and \$148,895 State Match

Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Improvement. Add this Coordinated Border and National Corridors earmark. \$1,000,000 CBIG, \$99,263 State Match

Coffman Cove/Wrangell/Petersburg Ferries & Ferry Facility. The Ferry Boat Discretionary earmark will supplement other funding in construction of either the ferry boat or the new terminal at Coffman Cove or both. Phases: All, \$1,850,000 FBD, \$462,500 Match

Camp Gorsuch Road & Related Improvements. Add this Transportation and Community and System earmark. Phases: All \$500,000 TCSP

Fairbanks Street Improvement & Bike Path. Add this Transportation and Community and System earmark. Phases: All \$300,000 TCSP

Girdwood Road Culvert Improvement. Add this Transportation and Community and System earmark. Phases: All \$600,000 TCSP

Girdwood Road Improvements. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$10,000,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Gravina Bridge. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$2,000,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Japonski Island Road. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$1,000,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Juneau Heliport. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$1,000,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Road Improvements. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$3,500,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Metlakatla/Walden Point Road. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$2,000,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Naknek Lake Camp Road Add this earmark. Phases All: \$3,400,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Northern Forum. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$500,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Seward Loading Facility Add this earmark. Phases All: \$9,600,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

Valdez Ferry and Dock Facilities. Add this earmark. Phases All: \$500,000 Section 330 Surface Transportation Projects earmark.

In addition to these projects, we need a phase correction for the following:

Homer: East End Road MP 0.0 to 3.75 Rehabilitation. The STIP currently identifies \$2,271,000 for Phase 3 (right-of-way) in FY'03. We need to change that funding to Phase 7 (utilities) for no net change in total project cost.

The projects listed are either federal earmarks or a phase change resulting in no net change in total project cost. The STIP remains fiscally constrained. This STIP amendment was developed in compliance with Title 23 - Section 135 and the State Planning Regulations. Projects that are in air quality non-attainment areas are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Sincerely,


Mike Barton
Commissioner

cc: Jennifer Bowman, Community Planner, FTA Region X